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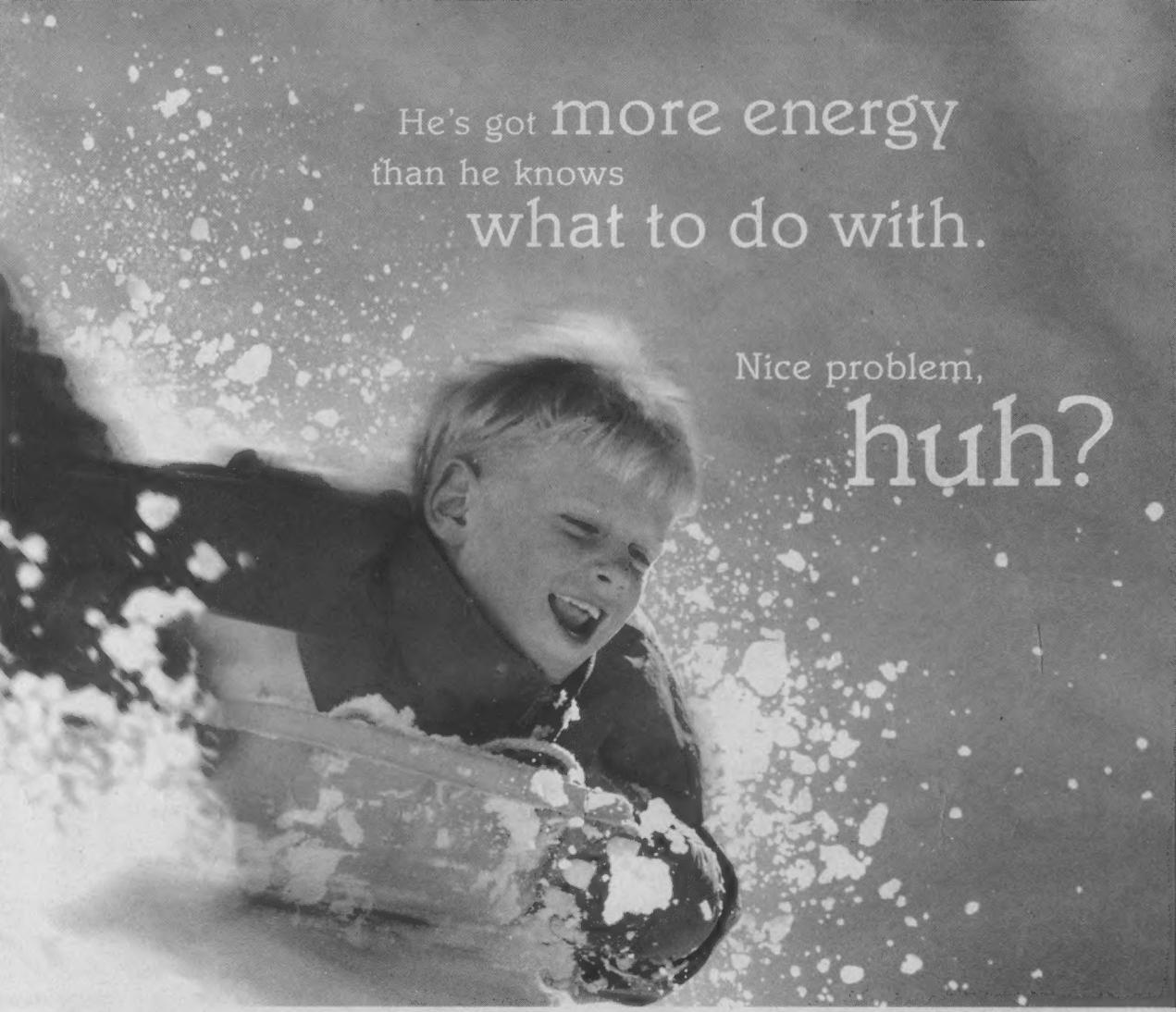
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Eight days before his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. visited Newark. This photo, courtesy of the Star Ledger, was taken as he walked on Newark's South Side.

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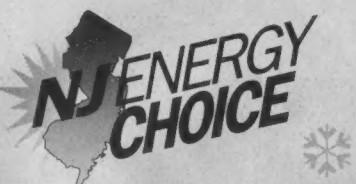
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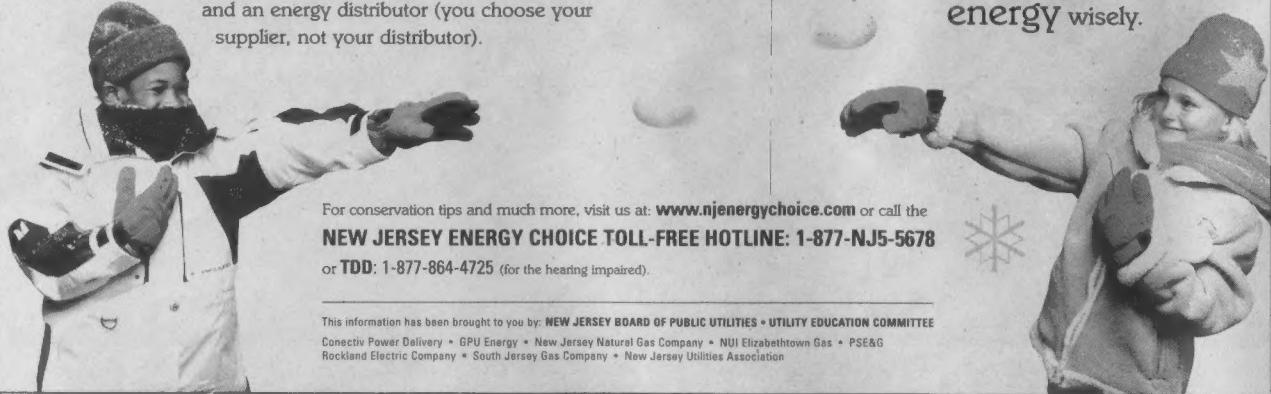


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Remembering Dr. King's 'Dream' for our youth

Let's have more about Jim West and less about P-Diddy.

More than 33 years have passed since the tragic assassination of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and while it is important that we pause a few days around his January 15th birthday to reflect ceremoniously on the great sacrifice he made as a drum major for justice, I wonder in terms of African American youth today, however, when will we finally get it?

There has been a discouraging breakdown in the mores and values of many of our youth the days of the civil rights movement. Prisons are bulging with a greater proportion of young black men and even women today than in the 1960s. Youth are engaging in mindless activities such as stealing cars and making "donuts" on crowded streets. Teen-age girls are proudly swollen with pregnancies and they and their baby's fathers are on track to drop out of school and spiral further down into impoverishment. Many of our schools are worse off today than ever and our communities no longer thrive with the vitality of black entrepreneurship that was a way of life 30 years ago.

We regularly deplore this situation, yet we punish the Joe Clarks for taking decisive measures to try to control our youth and equip those who or are

falling through the cracks, with the self discipline, moral fortitude and self determination needed to become responsible adults and live up to their full potential while some racial hurdles have been lowered.

Unfortunately in the midst of this disintegration of the 'State of black America', we teach our youth to idolize athletes, entertainers and movie stars far beyond the merit of their contribution to our community.

Rappers, sports figures and movie stars their place in society, but future generations of African Americans can ill afford to model after them if we are going to keep up with the world's technological pace and the increasing need to share the economic pie with the growing influx of new American immigrants. We need to recognize and celebrate our educators, doctors, scientists, police officers, firemen and entrepreneurs so that our children will know more about men like Jim West, a renown scientist than they know about P-Diddy, or at least be educated enough to know about both men and wise enough to know which one to emulate.

Dr. King, Medgar Evers and others gave their life to the struggle. They fought for our youth to have every opportunity the American dream offers. We cannot afford to loose anymore of the ground they gained for us.

SEE MARTIN THROUGH THE EYES OF OTHERS



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Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights leader, minister and statesman. He embodied freedom, choice and optimism.

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Rising with greater readiness for challenges

By James E. McGreevey
Governor, State of New Jersey

"Let us rise up tonight with greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be."

We have an opportunity to make America a better nation."

- M. L. King, Jr.

I am personally moved by the fact that I am being inaugurated as Governor on Dr. King's birthday. Dr. King exemplified what justice and fairness mean not just for African Americans, but for all

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Americans. His efforts resulted in greater equality for Americans. Realizing his dream should be the goal of all leaders because we must in order to build a better, brighter future for our children.

Dr. King also impressed the need to create a legacy that lives beyond one's life. Dr. King's dream did not die with him; instead, his dream gave birth to many other dreams and his sacrifices made it possible for others to realize their dreams. His example also showed us that racism is taught and learned and that it can be untaught and unlearned. He also taught us that we must remain vigilant in our work to build a society premised on sound moral principles of justice and



Gov. James E. McGreevey and Dina Matos McGreevey with New baby daughter, Jacqueline Matos McGreevey equality.

Dr. King also showed us the meaning of peaceful civil disobedience. As stated in the Book of Isaiah, "No weapon that is fashioned against you shall prosper." When Dr. King wrote his letter from the Birmingham jail, he made a statement: injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. I take his example seriously. We must live the dream of equality, not just talk about it.

As New Jersey's 51st Governor, I will take special pride in carrying out my duties and making New Jersey a model state in terms of the equality of opportunities presented to its citizens.

As Governor, I will follow the words and example of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Just as Martin Luther King Jr. united a nation to bring about civil rights, we can unite as a people to bring about any changes we deem necessary within this state. We cannot shy away from the challenge of bringing about positive change: for as great as our challenge is, Dr. King has proven that great achievements can take place when we stand strong and determined. We have an awesome challenge that confronts us in making statewide changes to improve the quality of life for every New Jersey citizen, when we have inherited a \$1.9 billion dollar deficit.

It is befitting that this quote marks the celebration of Dr. King's birthday in 2002. Dr. King's words should resonate in the hearts of us all. Joined together we shall rise up and persevere. America is the land of the free and the home of the brave, and our response to the terrorist attacks of September 11th proved our nation's bravery. Those attacks rocked New Jersey to its inner core yet we did not crumble.

The Book of Psalms tells us that "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'

Dr. King's words inspire us to know that, if we trust in God, we can surmount the challenges that face us. We must promote peace within our borders while we ourselves are under attack. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation, and I believe in my heart and soul that it starts by making a better New Jersey. As your Governor, I pledge, I will.



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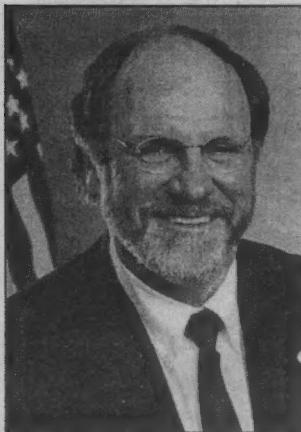
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Broadening 'community'

Dr. King's vision requires focusing on our common values



By Jon S. Corzine
United States Senator

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. strived every day to make America a better nation, and his words ring as true today as decades ago.

Dr. King understood the true meaning of community, the true meaning of each and every member of a community reaching out to help one another and drawing strength from one another. I learned that lesson growing up in rural

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Illinois and I have carried that lesson with me always.

But I have also learned that community extends beyond the boundaries of a neighborhood or a small town. The word community now has a broader meaning to me.

Dr. King understood that hope for America meant broadening the definition of community; it meant tearing down the walls that separate us. It meant gaining new energy out of a greater whole.

In these trying times, with our way of life under attack, I think many of us are relearning just how essential it is for us to nourish community values. We are relearning to recognize and focus on the things that we have in common.

We have once again the opportunity today to build the kind of community that Dr. King envisioned: a community free of racism, sexism, or class division. We must be one united America, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Today, just as in 1968 Dr. King's belief of justice and equality stands stronger than ever

By Sharpe James
Mayor, City of Newark

It is a tragic fact that one of Dr. King's very last public appearances before his fatal trip to Memphis, was to visit the City of Newark. He walked down our streets, into our neighborhoods, and met our people. He spoke to them and for them.

Dr. King spoke to students of my alma mater, South Side High, now Shabazz High. There he stressed the need to learn, to burn the midnight oil, and to seek the doorways of opportunity we were fighting so hard to open. He spoke of pride and hope. He spoke of peace and justice. He spoke of resistance and resilience in the face of injustice and evil. He would not bow down in the face of any attempt to destroy his vision and his dream of a nation where all stand equal before the law as they stand before God. He went to the mountaintop, and saw the promised land. Today his belief in justice and equality stand stronger than ever. Vicious and cowardly terrorists destroyed mighty buildings like the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, killing Muslim, Christian, and Jew alike. Neil Levin, the Chairman of the Port Authority, was killed in the Windows of The World restaurant. He was at a meeting to which I was late in attending.

Terrorism struck Neil Levin down, as it struck down hundreds of firefighters, police officers and workers, window washers, stockbrokers, food service workers, secretaries, and airline passengers. This was equality in death, a tragic hour that cut through all the false divisions of class and race that Dr. King assailed.

And yet, it was also a shining hour, in which all of Dr. King's values of unity and equality, of faith and dedication, shone forth in splendor, as whites and blacks, Christians, Jews, and Muslims, men and women of all ethnic groups, came together as one, to go back into the fire and wreckage to save lives. To give blood. To evacuate and care for the wounded. To shelter those left home-

less. And later, to mourn the dead, rebuild the ruins, and bring the cowards who caused this horror to justice.

When we look at the struggles of Dr. King in the 1960s and the challenges we face today, we are struck by the similarities. Dr. King battled a vicious and racist form of intolerant mind and deed that opposed this nation's core ideals of justice, equality, freedom, diversity, and opportunity. He and millions of his supporters of every race and creed suffered massive blows. Vicious

racists, hiding behind the cloak of anonymity, destroyed churches full of children, and assassinated civil rights leaders and workers.

But he did not falter or give up from his cause. He believed that the moral force of the universe was greater than any bomb or any bullet. He knew that justice would prevail. And while he was struck down by an assassin's bullet, and many of his dreams are not yet realities, justice continues to prevail. Millions march for his and other just causes. And millions see the promised land. Today we face a similar attack vicious terrorists hiding behind the cloak of anonymity have destroyed buildings and airplanes full of innocent people in the name of a twisted rhetoric that devalues our ideals of equality and justice.

We must display resilience, resistance, and determination in the face of these attacks and the sacrifices they force upon us. We must come together as a nation and a people in unity, and end the ethnic strife that has divided us for centuries. We must show our love for each other in caring for the victims and survivors of these attacks and in helping those less fortunate, whose futures looked bleak even before the September 11 events.

And, most of all, we must have in hearts, minds, and deeds the same faith and belief in moral justice that Dr. King had. We must work and strive to practice justice and equality in our neighborhoods and our world. We must never lose sight of these goals, because they can be achieved, and that "We, as a people, will get to the promised land!"

A man of God, a preacher, a teacher sent here to do God's work. Enough said



By Robert L. Bowser
Mayor, City of East Orange

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to change and making people aware of the needs of humankind. He gave his life defending the rights of people. With his leadership skills, his organizational

If there is only one message he delivered that personally remains in my mind, it is to be the best you can be.

skills and an ability to generate the courage to right things that were wrong. He was more than just a talented orator delivering motivational messages as some want to portray him. If there is only one message he delivered that personally remains in my mind, it is to be the best you can be.

I was at his family's church, Ebenezer Baptist, in Atlanta years ago while visiting with The Rev. Joseph Roberts, the former pastor of Elmwood Presbyterian Church. I took a tour through the church, mostly with small school-age children. The tour guide asked the youngsters what they knew of Dr. King. All of them spoke of his "Dream" speech. A few spoke of the marches, the bus boycott and the sit-ins.

One young lad in the group had not answered. The guide asked for his impressions of Dr. King. He stared at the pulpit, then said his parents had taught him that Dr. King was first and foremost a man of God, a preacher, a teacher sent here to do God's work. Then the guide asked me to contribute. I just responded with "enough said."

Almost 34 years have passed since the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. City News joins the world in commemorating his life and legacy during this, the 17th national holiday. We dedicate this entire issue to the man who dedicated his life (and still that ain't enough)! We honor the leader, the humanitarian, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, the drum major for justice, the husband, and the father. Some battles were hard fought, and hard won while many others continue to rage on. We must give thanks to those who came before us, blazed a path and left a light for us to follow.

This is for you Martin, for your drive to end housing segregation, your strong stance against the war in Vietnam, for the battles won and the ground gained. In love, honor and respect this is for you. But mostly it is for us who continue to remain stagnant, who have buried "the dream" and for those of us who remain in a state of slumber. This issue is for all of us.

By Rachelle S. Wilson

Yolanda King was born two weeks before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery Alabama bus, a time some would say was the catalyst for the civil rights movement. Was there any inclination on the part of Dr. King and Coretta Scott King at that time that all of their children would become drum majors for justice? With Martin Luther King III president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Dexter King president and CEO of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and Bernice King an author and minister. Yolanda King grew up as "a child of war" but, grew on to earn a B.A. degree with honors from Smith College in Theater and African American Studies and an M.F.A. degree also in theater from New York University. The eldest of the King children utilizes her love for the arts to further her father's dream for the world.

When City News caught up with the first child of the dream the successful actress, producer and lecturer shared her thoughts on issues ranging from the state of black America to her memories of Martin. In her words:

BLACK AMERICANS MUST HAVE A DUAL PURPOSE

"The external barriers have been removed there is access to education, employment etc. but the reality is that for a number of reasons we have not fully moved into the place we should be. My father spoke of integration and we have spent a lot of time trying to move into the mainstream and have neglected our communities. Black Americans must have a dual purpose. We have to stop turning on each other and turn to each other. There is still the residue of years of slavery and that's not an indictment, slavery has left a lot of scars."

MARTIN, THE FATHER

In contrast to the Martin portrayed in the media, Yolanda describes the humorous side of Dr. King.

"I didn't really know Martin the leader. I had to learn about Martin the leader, the humanitarian, the Nobel Peace Prize winner much in the same way as everyone else. But Martin the man was a jester, he could've been a stand-up comedian."

At home he could let his hair down. "My father had a real childlike quality that balanced the danger of being Martin the leader."

"Martin the man was funny, incredibly hilarious and extremely gentle." Then Yolanda's voice changed as she laughed as though remembering some



private joke between the two of them. "My father was extremely gentle, always full of laughter, and athletic. He loved to have fun, he didn't believe in spanking children. Although mom always said if he was home with us more, he would've changed his mind." The eldest child went on to recall events before Dr. King's assassination. "In the moments before he was taken they were having a pillow fight in the hotel room! What is usually publicized in the media is the seriousness of his life," Yolanda pointed out.

THIS IS NOT A TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY

"The King Center is doing programs in communities all over the country. Whether feeding the homeless in homeless shelters, through neighborhood cleanup, or broadening interracial relations -- It is important to remember that Martin Luther King Holiday is not a day off-but a day on. This is not a traditional holiday. Volunteers should contact their local organizations in their communities", she urged.

LEARNING HOW TO LOVE

Referring to a favorite speech of Dr. King, Yolanda shares what she's learned from her journey thus far.

"Self love, a godly love and love of community. My life experience forced me to grow up as a child of war... I had to learn how to love and its not that superficial love, it is a healthy unconditional love!"

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

"The Dr. King holiday is celebrated in over 70 countries. People outside of the America understand the contribution my father made as a whole. America does not understand it yet. We are still too close to the death of my father."

Yolanda went on to say... "When I began the work of continuing my father's legacy, the programs were organized by Blacks and attended by blacks. Now, in its 17th year as a national holiday, the programs and audiences cross racial barriers. The audiences have changed and grown. The organizations are coming together. Its going to take time, even corporations will come around in time!"

CONTINUING THE LEGACY

Over three decades have passed since the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. all four of his children are members of the dream. I am a 100 percent, dyed in the wool, card carrying believer in The Dream," declared Yolanda King.

Are you a member of "The Dream"?

YOLANDA KING

'A CHILD OF WAR'



as a car company, it's not often we point out the benefits of walking.

Weary from the 54-mile, 5-day journey from Selma to Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr. and his fellow protesters stood proud. Just months later, Congress would pass the 1965

Voting Rights Act, ensuring equal rights for black voters. And an entire nation would move forward.

TOYOTA RECOGNIZES THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Let's Pass On the Passion Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Inspired



By Sara B. Bost
Mayor, Township of Irvington

Everyone who takes the opportunity to reflect on his or her memories of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I believe does so with tremendous benefit to our younger generation.

I find it sad and troubling that for our youngsters, Dr. King is a figure in their history books, and a holiday that we recognize once a year around this time. But it is efforts such as ours through this forum that can help to make Dr. King as much a part of their lives as he was in ours.

I remember the image clearly

from many years ago as a 15-year-old young woman in our nation's capitol for the all-important March on Washington. People, young and old, all of who realized the importance of our presence there as it related to our future and rights, including my brothers and sisters, were around me. There was certainly a sense of pride, unity, and emotion surrounding the entire event and Dr. King's message that day. I didn't know, however, the complete power of that day and what it would lead to until many years later. Dr. King's words fell on eager ears day and lit a fire in many who were there to go forward and change the status quo and make our lives

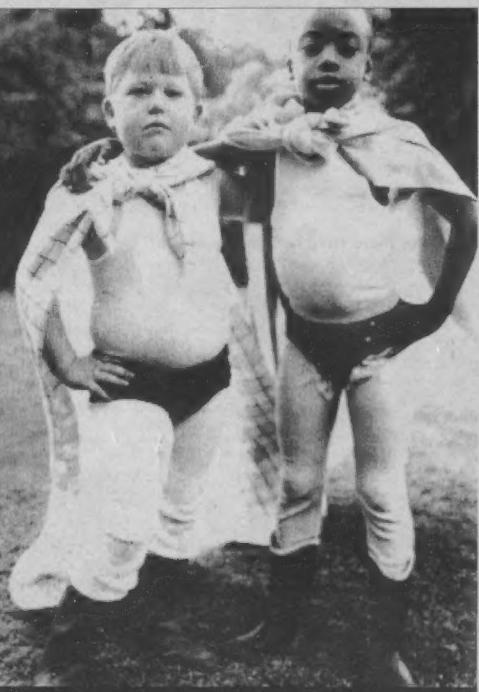
count the same as everyone we stood eye-to-eye with.

As a 15-year-old female during those times, the thought of my one day being a mayor of the town that I called home was ludicrous. It seemed as far-fetched as any wild fantasy that I had as a child. The only difference in this case is that I heard Dr. King's words that day and took them to heart and allowed myself to be inspired to give back selflessly to my community, just as he did to entire nation. There are few words to describe the hope and passions that his words and actions ignited.

Sadly though, there have been few calls to arm or motivating forces in the lives of our youngsters since Dr. King's era. Those of us who witnessed him that day, and others who saw his life and times first-hand, are in an enviable position of being able to convey his words and their meanings in a much more passionate manner than those who just read his life story.

After reflecting on this thought, that day in Washington more than 30 years ago becomes so much more important now than it was then, because we need to reach back and remember the inspiration that Dr. King was to us, and remember the desire it filled us with as though it were a new feeling.

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for a kid's
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We can all speak for hours upon hours about Dr. King's actions and accomplishments, but what I feel would most honor his legacy would be if we were to speak at those lengths with the same passions and convictions as he did to ensure that a whole new generation takes his message to heart as we have.

In Irvington I'm proud that for the past 13 years I have been able to institute an essay contest in Dr. King's honor that has involved nearly 10,000 of our children. These young people have been able to study Dr. King's life and impact on society at a deeper level than their current curriculum allows. But for all that they discover in their reading and studies they will never be inspired by his legacy unless we adults do our part. What has sustained me is the ability to share the feelings I had that day in Washington and to tell where it has brought me.

I owe a great deal to Dr. Martin Luther King, however, I feel we all owe a greater debt to those who follow us by continuing that message so that others feel the same inspiration to serve their community and do so in a peaceful manner. It's a wonderful feeling and certainly should be shared.

Many roads to be walked, challenges to overcome, goals to be set and met

Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it out to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation."



"This quote is particularly poignant today as it was then. The call should still be out there because it has been the failing of so many to rest on the laurels of what has been accomplished in the past. Socially, economically and civilly there are still many roads to be walked, challenges to overcome, goals to be set



and met.

Sure there have been many accomplishments on the backs of King and his army of civil rights fighters, but to say we are done and the mis-

sion is completed does not begin to approach the truth.

Last year I became the first African American mayor in the city of Jersey City, a city that has a rich tradition of African American influences. But it took till 2001 before an African American was elected mayor.

There are still so many different areas where true equality must be

realized to further chip away at the wall of racism that stood in place for generations. It takes more than a civil rights movement of decades to destroy a mind set that was in existence for centuries."

Glenn D. Cunningham,
Mayor, City of Jersey City

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

I.F.B. No. OIB1712/1

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK will receive sealed bids for Design/Build Two (2) Community Stabilization Vans at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, February 8, 2002 at 500 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A prebid conference will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2002 at 10:00 AM at N.H.A. Office 500 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

Bid forms and contract documents, including specifications are on file at the office of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, CONTRACTS DIVISION, 500 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, (973)-273-6502.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127.

Bids shall be submitted to: Jimmy Miller, Deputy Executive Director, NEWARK HOUSING AUTHORITY, 500 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102. Bids shall be clearly marked for: Design/Build Two (2) Community Stabilization Vans, Bid No. OIB1712/1.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding as well as reserves the right to reject all bids in the event that less than two (2) bids are received at the designated time of the bid opening. The Authority also reserves the right to award all or a portion of the award to one or more responsible bidders.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK.

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ROBERT GRAHAM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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I.F.B. No. OIB1700/2

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Needed Basis at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 6, 2002 at 500 Broad Street, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid forms and contract documents, including specifications are on file at the office of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, CONTRACTS DIVISION, 500 Broad Street, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey, (973) 273-6502. Refer to Invitation No. OIB1700/1.

All bids must be accompanied by a negotiable bid guarantee payable to the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK. The bid guarantee may be a certified check, bank draft, U.S. Government Bonds at par value or a satisfactory bid bond secured by a surety company acceptable to the U.S. Government and authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey. The guarantee shall be in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid not to exceed twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond(s) in the amount of 100% of the contract as awarded. The surety company for all bonds must be a surety or surety company acceptable to the U.S. Department of Treasury. Individual sureties will not be considered. The surety company must be licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey.

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BLOOMFIELD, NJ -- We are not born with charisma, we develop charisma," says Andres Lara a professional speaker on the subject of Charismatic Influence & Communication. Ms. Lara shares 10 of the many strategies used by Martin Luther King, Jr. to develop charisma:

1. Assume Responsibility: When everyone is pointing fingers elsewhere, look for ways to assume responsibility, even when you are not responsible. This will gain you the respect and admiration of the people around you. *"The ultimate measure of a person is not where he/she stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he/she stands at times of challenge and controversy."* Martin Luther King, Jr.

2. Make A Difference: Start by making a difference in the life of one person ... YOURS. That's right. Treat yourself to your favorite restaurant, play, or buy something for yourself that you have been wanting. You will influence others to do the same for themselves. If each individual in the world takes on making a difference in his or her life, there will be no problem. *"If I make a difference in one person's life, then I've made a difference."* Martin Luther King, Jr.

3. Look For Common Grounds: We are all together in this ship call earth. If we want to move forward, we must put away our differences and compile our similarities. Look for the common ground among those around you. Find out how meeting your objective can help others meet theirs, and then make them aware. They will be compelled to assist you. *"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."* Martin Luther King Jr.

4. Give Hope: Nothing great has ever been accomplished without hope. Remind those around that if they endure the storm long enough, they will get to see the rainbow. *"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."* Martin Luther King Jr.

5. Refuse To Hate Back: Others may hate you, but those who hate you don't win unless you hate them back. *"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."* Martin Luther King, Jr.

6. Follow What's Right: Focus on what's right and follow it wholeheartedly. The world would turn aside to let you pass if you know where you are going. *"When you are right you cannot be too radical; when you are wrong, you cannot be too conservative."* Martin Luther King Jr.

7. Give A Purpose: People won't commit wholeheartedly to a cause without knowing the why behind it. Know why others should commit to a cause, and then communicate it to them. It will give them a purpose to do what needs to get done. *"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."* Martin Luther King, Jr.

8. Have Faith: Faith is to believe in what you don't see. Others will not follow where you are not willing to go. You must always give the first step, and then others will follow. *"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."* Martin Luther King, Jr.

9. Be of Service: People don't want to hear how much help you need, but how much help you can provide. Influence others by focusing on their needs rather than on yours, one. *"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."* Martin Luther King, Jr.

10. Be Selfless: When others see that we give 100 percent to a cause simply because of its nobility and not because of any evident reward, they will be inspired and influenced by our selfless commitment. *"I've looked over, and I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know that we as a people will get to the Promised Land."* Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Two leaders, one young, one mature bring King to Newark to

By M. Scheryl Gant

It was October 1967 when Winthrop McGriff, president of the South Side High student government got the idea to invite the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to come to Newark. McGriff felt a need to inspire the student body.

Three months earlier the largely black Newark community, incensed over soaring unemployment, poor municipal representation, and the prospect of a medical and dentistry hospital dislocating thousands of low-income residents, had erupted in riots leaving more than \$10 million in damage. The nearly all white police department responded with deadly force. At least 23 people were killed. The Guard occupied

Clinton Avenue.

McGriff thought Dr. King, by then a civil rights icon, was the right person "to quell the aftermath of the riots." He received the approval from the school's interim principal and proceeded on his mission. He still remembers the fateful day when he called the Atlanta headquarters of the Southern Christian leadership Conference (SCLC) and a man answered the telephone.

"I asked for the person who handles the schedule for Dr. King," McGriff said. "The man said that person was not there right now, but I think I can help you." McGriff explained that he needed the name of the exact person to contact when he called back.

"Now son, you don't have to call back," the man responded awakening McGriff's curiosity.

"Whom am I speaking to," he asked. The voice on the other end of the phone replied, "Well, this is the guy they call Martin Luther King." He was just as calm as I am speaking to you now McGriff told City News.

Warm. Helpful. Cultured. Unpretentious. That was exactly the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. that The Rev. Jesse Wendell Mapson, then president of the Newark Conference of Ministers, knew. He had observed the young preacher grow up from childhood, years before he was catapulted into the national spotlight. Mapson, newly elected to head of the black



Rev. Jesse Wendell Mapson



Winthrop McGriff holds a newspaper article on King's visit

ministerial group, was concerned about the internal squabbles about King's leadership.

"Some ministers had mixed attitudes about the stands he (Dr. King) took. Some thought he was meddling," the 94 year old former pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist said.

Mapson, a life long friend of the King family and frequent visitor to their home, believed that young minister would "build a bridge across the gap" of their misunderstanding of him. Mapson, now retired and living in Jacksonville, FL called his colleagues at SCLC to invite Dr. King to Newark.

"If you met him (Dr. King), you would not differentiate him from any other young man", Mapson said of Dr. King. "He stayed that way. He was not forward because of his achievements. He loved to listen to what others had to say. He was just a regular Baptist preacher."

Seemingly separated, yet very connected at that moment in time, McGriff and Mapson spent the next few months working out scheduling details as Dr. King crisscrossed the nation building support for his upcoming "Poor People's Campaign. An anxious McGriff prayed that Dr. King would actually really make it to South Side High for Black History month. Some students were losing faith. Mapson, on the other hand, knew that once King has given his word, he would visit Newark as promised.

Then it all fell into place on March 27, 1968. Dr. King was in Newark. He visited the Queen of Angels Roman Catholic and Greater Abyssinian Baptist churches. He walked from Mt. Calvary to the high school where he led the packed auditorium into a chant of 'Learn, baby learn, so you can earn baby earn. Don't burn, baby burn. Build, baby, build.'

"My generation was the crux of his last speaking attempt to create an attitude to take the ball and run until you can't run any further, and then pass it on to the next generation," says 51 year-old Mapson who heads the athletic department at Montclair High.

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King's Dream--Realized, Deferred or Somewhere in the Middle?

City News asked citizens across the state to voice their opinions on Dr. King's dream—realized, deferred or somewhere in the middle. These are their words:

Rev. Kenneth L. Saunders is pastor of North Stelton A.M.E. Church, Piscataway.

Rev. Dr. King's disappointment would be that we are still fighting for some of the same things he fought and died for. Although there is more freedom to pursue better housing, a larger number of homeless or displaced families exist today than in 1968, the year of his death. Although there is a larger representation of students from all backgrounds pursuing college educations, too many of us, especially our young people are not striving for the dreams, but living for the fantasy. Although Dr. King believed in nonviolence, the fact today is that violence in America continues to destroy the dreams, goals and aspirations of its own people. Violence in the schools, violence in the home, violence at the workplace and violence in the street affect not only the victims, but also the perpetrators: for a man driven and controlled by anger or hatred finds no peace in his soul. And without peace one's vision and direction are clouded. The efforts of Dr. King and those who stood beside him -- black, white, yellow, red, rich, poor, men and women -- have helped to empower us in many ways. Dr. King would be saddened to learn that many of us have backslid in our commitment to civil rights.

David Levering Lewis, Ph.D., is the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Professor at Rutgers University, New Brunswick Campus and a Pulitzer Prize winner.

I think there is enough to go around for sure. I think it would be his concern that the economic equity or the economic democracy that played such an important role in his final years: that is from Selma to the march on Washington, his concern for the disabilities that people of color labor under, the economic disparities have only worsened after his death. I was looking at the Op-Ed piece in the

New York Times by Paul Krugman (January 4, 2001). It has become fashionable to dismiss any statistics about economic disparity as playing into class warfare. I don't think one has to be a Marxist to discern that the top one percent is now 20 times richer than it was 20 years ago, while the improvement in the great middle class is almost marginal. Income for families in the top one percent increased 140 percent, while income for the middle class only increased nine percent. I think Dr. King would grieve about that. This is not a concern only of people of color; but it cuts across broad ethnicities. Another concern would be the beleaguered goal of affirmative action. It would trouble Martin Luther King, Jr. that in the universities the battle (affirmative action) continues. Some universities are back-pedaling on their federal challenge while others are staying the course. There is also a growing sentiment among Americans, even some African Americans that we should now use only merit, as if merit and affirmative action were incompatible. The battle is still being fought and there are many who have been emboldened by what happened in Washington.

**Rev. Reginald Jackson
Executive Director, The Black Ministers Council of New Jersey**

As a minister Dr. King's life is significant to me for a number of reasons. In fact significant may be an understatement. First, Dr. King was a minister. His life was an example of what it means to be both

faithful and prophetic. Dr. King was not content to just carry out his priestly responsibilities; he was also faithful and responsive to his prophetic calling. Being prophetic is speaking on behalf of God, to say what He has led the prophet to say to leaders and to the people. It is impossible to be prophetic and not be controversial because what the prophet has to say — if it is genuine — is usually not popular with the powers to be because it is an indictment or a challenge to them. Dr. King's example of prophetic ministry is the model that I have sought to follow. Being faithful to God who called me and making every effort to make sure I am representing God and not myself.

Second, it is significant to me because Dr. King as well known as he became, remained a man of the people. He never became distant from the people, thereby not allowing himself to be coopted or lose his influence. Like the biblical prophets he spoke to God in order to speak for God. He

also spoke to the people as well as the powers that be.

Finally, Dr. King is significant to me because he is, next to Jesus, the best example of how a person can make a difference in the world. Dr. King as a leader made a difference by arousing people: black, white, and brown to follow him. People need a leader, and King was one. Because he developed followers he was able to make a difference. Jesus was able to develop followers and those followers made the powers to be "take notice."

Much of what I have tried to do and how I have tried to do it is modeled after the ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King.

**Diane Schwartz
Executive Director, The National Conference for Community and Justice, NJ Region.**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of the truly great Americans. His vision for a civil, respectful and inclusive society is one shared by The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). For each person to be judged by the "content of their character" and not the color of their skin or, for that matter, their nationality, age, gender, cultural beliefs and religion is the work of NCCJ for close to 75 years. Not only is Dr. King a martyr to the American civil rights movement, his ideas should be a continuing inspiration to all of us. It should be the way we live and work together.

Rev. James H. Hutchins, Sr., is an associate pastor of Rose of Sharon Community Church, Plainfield

No one is marching. If we who say we know Dr. King would listen, we could hear him saying, "We must march. Where are the marchers? Where are the people who believe in the cause of freedom? Where are the marchers? Who will we send? There is no one to march, no one is shouting on the hill tops of Georgia. No one is shouting in our inner cities across our nation. No one is shouting. I will go."

Rev. Dr. M. William Howard, Jr., is pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Newark

In a speech given at the Riverside Church in New York City on April 4, 1967, exactly

one year to the day of his assassination in Memphis, Martin Luther King, Jr. warned the nation that without a "Revolution of Values," we would be constantly plagued by racism, poverty and violence. When you consider where we are today, despite the very real changes that the King-led civil rights movement brought about in the society, we would have to acknowledge that, while we remember the name, we seem to have virtually forgotten the man.

Rev. Dr. C. Lamont Thomas is pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Plainfield.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was about the "Beloved Community". How do we integrate ourselves into America, but still remain ourselves. The good minister wanted the change to be by America seeing us, not us becoming them. We are the black children of God. We need to now go forward and be the agents God wanted us to be. From 1865 to 1965 a great work was done in America. That period of time showed African American people at their best. We dealt with Jim Crow, and Sunday School bombings, but our children excel in school, neighbors shared with and took care of each other, and there was a trust factor in our community that we no longer have. We need to go back and re-dream the dream, and in the third millennium decipher its components correctly and then develop a plan to make "The Dream" a reality.

Ted Wilson is a consultant for the East Orange Public Library where he produces "Poetry Live" the first Thursday of every month

During the whole 20th century we had an ongoing struggle of African peoples in the United States. The zenith of the struggle occurred in the 1960s, with the full involvement of major organizations such as the NAACP, SNCC, CORE, and even The Nation of Islam. The two major voices were brother Malcolm X and the good Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King talked about our moving forward and upward, and talked about us getting to the mountaintop. The struggle that was taking place then continues. What I see is that so called civil rights or human rights struggle has now evolved. If Dr. King were alive he would certainly be one of the people in the forefront of the reparations struggle, which is not limited to African people, but to all oppressed and exploited people who have been oppressed by Europe and the United States.

A cloud in the sky at 'The march'

By M. Scheryl Gant

When God led the children of Israel he went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, according to Exodus 13:21. That cloud protected the Israelites as they fled from 430 years of slavery.

When Charles J. Jackson, Sr. returned home to his proud family the day after the march on Washington in 1963, he spoke of witnessing three incredible miracles at the monumental call to action.

First, a multinational, multigenerational gathering of nearly 250,000 people from all social and economic walks of life had stood in silent awe as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech. Secondly from Jackson's point of view as a veteran police detective, there were no incidences of conflict within the grounds of the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument. Instead that August 28, 1963 was a day of brotherhood, fellowship, and high ideals as thousands meditated on healing the bitter wounds inflicted upon the nation during the civil rights struggle. Despite the heat, the excitement and the underlying tension that day, thousands listened and willingly followed the requests of the march organizers on command.

It was the third miracle, however that still evokes emotion from two of Jackson's sons. Charles J. Jackson, Jr., who was 14 years old at the time and his brother Philip W. Jackson, then age 13, recently recalled their father's memories of that historic day.

In the summer of 1963 Charles Jackson, Sr. was the 13th African American appointed to the Jersey City Police Department and had risen to the detective rank. He was also vice president of the Council of Police Societies (COPS), the national black police officer's association, when he received a telephone call from Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Dr. King's chief aid at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, about two weeks before the march. Rev. Abernathy spelled out the strategic plans for the march and asked Jackson, Sr. to gather a battalion of professional black police officers to provide security. Jackson, Sr. was also president of LeBastions, the Jersey City black police officers organization so he immediately reached out to the 20 member groups from cities including Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, and Jersey City.

In the midst of the monumental organizing task the Jackson family went on their scheduled vacation to Atlantic City to visit the family of Calvin Allen, then national president of COPS. A few days later their father announced he and Allen were



Charles Jackson holds photo of himself (in the white hat) standing behind Dr. King at the March. Marchsheen displays the familiar image of Dr. King at the march on Washington.

going to the March on Washington. By this time the momentum about the march was mounting, according to C. Jackson, who is the Special Projects Manager for the New Jersey Small Business Development Centers at Rutgers and life long civil rights activist.

P. Jackson, a Jersey City police officer who waged a personal legal battle several years ago when an incoming mayor summarily demoted all black detectives, recalled the impact of their dad's involvement in the march on their home. "The phone would not stop ringing from the time we got up in the morning until the time we went to bed at night. Some important people from all over were calling." The four Jackson children were excited. They did not know all the facts, but they knew that their dad was preparing for something big. It was in Washington, D.C. And there were going to be a lot of black people there from all over the country. Naturally since they were the two eldest children and it was summer vacation time, "we just knew that we were going with Pop," Charles said. The two teenagers packed their luggage and positioned themselves at the door minutes before their father was scheduled to depart.

"It was at that time he told us we could not go," C. Jackson said. His

voice still lilted with the added disappointment of now understanding the importance of the march. In his role as head of security the senior Jackson "was apprehensive about what might

instructed them not to bring any weapons to the march.

Today they understand that their father could risk having to divide his attention between protecting young



Charles Jackson with Floyd Patterson

happen, and how it might escalate into a world catastrophic event. He wasn't so much concerned about how black folks would handle themselves. That was not a problem. He had a lot of faith in how the march was organized and how it was going to be conducted," Charles said, revealing that the 350 black police officers he recruited. Those officers were committed to non-violence and he

sons and the great civil rights leader, if there was trouble.

On the morning of the march the Jackson and Allen children went to Atlantic City's "Chicken Bone" beach, the Missouri Avenue section where African-Americans sunbathers were restricted during segregation, remained the gathering spot for thou-

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi: Are their dreams coming true in the U.S. and in India?

*Excerpts from a commentary by
Commissioner Alex Koshy
New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commemorative Commission*

My understanding of the history of the great martyrs for social justice and universal love probably starts with Jesus Christ, two thousand years ago. In the words "Love thy neighbor as thyself" and "Show your left cheek to those that slap your right cheek," lie condensed the universal law of love and peace on earth. Armoring themselves with these principles, Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the two great democratic nations of the world to political freedom and equality of the whole human race. Both of them became martyrs at the hands of their own people who were addicted to age-old and deep-rooted racial and caste discrimination, and hatred.

Have Gandhi and Dr. King really realized their vision and dream? Are those people who followed them and looked at them as their "Messiahs" really practicing what they advocated for achieving the political power in their respec-



tive countries? Answers to these questions can be found by observing the commissions and omissions of the present day followers of these great martyrs. Inspired by Christ's teachings Gandhi learnt during his bar-at-law studies in England, Mahatma Gandhi went to South Africa where he launched his first movement to establish human rights and equality and revolted against apartheid. Realizing the fact that his own countrymen needed his leadership, he returned to India. He found that practices and social discriminations followed by his own religion, Hinduism, were worse than the political slavery. He adopted a life of simplicity and compassion practicing the purity of the Hindu system of living and following the doctrine of Christ.

Although he succeeded in getting the political freedom from the British through nonviolent and noncooperative movements, he and his followers failed to achieve the freedom of the masses from religious hatred, and inter-caste discrimination within the Hindu social order. The admirers of Gandhi's assassin presently lead his country! Terrorism and corruption replace compassion and simplicity in living. Following the footsteps of Jesus Christ and Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. King led the civil rights movement in the U.S.A.. Dr. King had a dream of the future when

every child of all races and religions will live on this blessed land without any hatred and fear of discrimination. Although he could see the civil rights laws of equality implemented throughout America, has his dream really come true? Racial profiling and discrimination are rampant in every sphere of human activities. Whites discriminate against blacks and other minorities. Blacks discriminate against other minorities whenever possible! How can the dream of the great visionaries come true?

Dr. King and Gandhi are "messiahs" of the downtrodden and socially discriminated people of the world. They are not the exclusive property of any single community or race or nation. Their ideals and visions have no time or geographical boundaries. They showed through their sacrificial and simple truthful lives that it is possible to change the attitude and mental framework of hardhearted rulers or custodians of law and social order. The task of continuing the mission of these great leaders lies with the present day social and political leaders. If they fail in their task, all that has been built up by the martyrdom of these great men will go waste.

The signs of such failures could be seen in the increase of crimes, community unrest, racial profiling, and dis-

crimination prevailing in the government and in the community.

By just achieving political freedom and creating new laws for equality and human rights, the mental attitude and convictions of the people cannot be changed to achieve real social equality and religious tolerance. Economic and technological developments have not brought in racial tolerance and peace. Instead, such developments have helped to deepen hatred and promoted terrorism by fanatics throughout the world. Only through proper education, social mixing, and interaction, can the children of different communities understand, appreciate, and respect each other for a harmonious living. Bodies such as the New Jersey M.L.K., Jr. Commemorative Commission are adopting programs to promote such inter-community activities and educational programs. Recently it was reported that New Jersey state government has realized the importance of introducing subjects at various school levels to promote the vision and mission of great sociopolitical leaders like Gandhi and Dr. King. Different community organizations can supplement this effort by getting community activists to help each other in conducting educational programs and workshops or seminars on such subjects that will promote the ideals of these great leaders.

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sands in the 1960's. They returned home as the televised coverage began. The adults watched attentively, while the seven children ranging from 6 to 14 years old, played and joked with each other in another room.

"All of a sudden there was a scream from the living room. My mother yelled come here. Daddy's on television. Your father's on television!'" C. Jackson said. "Naturally we ran in and we looked at the television and there was Martin Luther King, Jr. We saw the entire speech with Martin Luther King there and my father on his right hand side and we were mesmerized. There wasn't a peep out of any of us. It was like we were memorizing every single word."

"And the picture was burning into my mind of my father standing there (on the main podium, behind Dr. King) and Martin Luther King making this speech. And the hush that was over the crowd was amazing too. Every once in while the camera would pan out over the thousands and thousands of people there, and nobody was making any noise. It was unbelievable to us at the time. Not only was there not any noise in our livingroom, but there in Washington there was no noise. There was one man speaking. It was like the heavens opened up and only his thunderous voice could be heard."

"At that moment I realized that every time that would be shown, that was history, and that our lives would never be the same, and neither would history," C. Jackson said. His dad and Dr. King became good friends at the march. Through Dr. King, their father met Floyd Paterson, Ruby Dee, Ozzie Davis, and many other notable members of the black community who were also active in the civil rights movement.

"Anytime that Dr. King would show up on the east coast, Newark, New York, Jersey City, he would always call the Jersey City Police Department, where his dad worked for Community Affairs, and ask if my dad could be assigned to him."

At this point, Philip related his conversation with his father about the third miracle of the March.

"If you watch the entire speech, and I've got the films from different angles. You see my father when he looks out into the crowd a few times, then all of a sudden you see him look up. I was teasing him (about what he was looking at). I said, 'you're supposed to be the security guy. Was there a plane going by or something?'

Their father's reply was "You know son how in your mind when the clouds come over you make different things out of them? This time you didn't have to make anything out of the clouds. When I looked up there



Charles Jackson with Ozzie Davis and Ruby Dee

were two clouds. One was going this way, (vertical) and there was another on going that way (horizontal) and the clouds had formed a cross in the

sky. God himself must be watching over this procession," said the man who went to the march to guard Dr. King, according P. Jackson.

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Op-Ed

A New Year's Resolution for Martin's Birthday

By Lawrence Hamm

Chairman, People's Organization For Progress

During this time of year, we celebrate the birthday of the great civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and reflect upon the history of the civil rights movement. That movement was one of the great epics of American history. Through it African Americans destroyed the apartheid system of legal segregation in the United States.

Dr. King and the martyrs of the civil rights movement bequeathed to the ages a testament of humanity's unquenchable desire for freedom and justice. Through their struggles and great sacrifices they made life better not only for themselves but also for the rest of us. As they struggled to improve social conditions, let us continue that struggle so that we can make life better now and for the generations to follow. We must uphold their tremendous legacy by continuing the struggle against racism, inequality, poverty, war, all forms of political oppression, social degradation, and unjust economic exploitation.

For 2002, let us all adopt as one of our new year's resolutions a greater determination to heighten our involvement in the struggle for racial, social, and economic justice. Let us vigorously campaign to rid ourselves both personally and collectively of all forms of apathy and indifference.

The tragic events of September 11 have shown us that we truly do live, as Dr. King said in a "world house." None of us can any longer afford to ignore what goes on in our community, the nation, and the world.

Every person that does not already belong to one should join an organization that is actively working to fight injustice. If and when you consider doing so I invite you to join the People's Organization For Progress (POP).

Those who are already members of such organizations but who are inactive must become active. The power of an organization is commensurate with the level of participation of its members. The more active the members, the more powerful the organization.

Organizations, such as POP, need active members that attend regular membership meetings, demonstrations and rallies, fund-raising events, work on committees, volunteer for tasks and projects, and pay dues.

The struggles for justice are often very long and very difficult; this sometimes discourages people who are active in groups fighting for social change. Some want to give up because the obstacles seem so great.

However, when we reflect upon the life of Dr. King and the history of the civil rights movement there are many lessons to be learned. One of those great lessons is that through unity, determination, cooperation, perseverance, and collective effort we can overcome that which is seemingly insurmountable.

We cannot give up. We must keep fighting for justice no matter how hard or difficult the struggle. For it is only through struggle that social progress is achieved.

All of us who protest do so in the tradition of Martin Luther King. As a young person growing up, it was in fact the news images of the civil rights movement, Dr. King and all the other martyrs, as well as the black power movement that followed that influenced us. I came out of a generation that was still close to the era of the civil rights movement. The reality is that there have been several generations since them that were not chronologically close to the civil rights movement. It is so important for us to make young people aware of Dr. King and the civil rights movement. Those of us who know must impart that knowledge and that spirit to them.

Lawrence Hamm has been active in the movement for social justice since age 17 years old. He was the youngest elected member in the history of the Newark Board of Education when he took office in 1971.

King holiday shamefully ignored in America

by Earl Ofari Hutchinson
President, National Alliance for Positive Action

Seventeen years after President Reagan grudgingly signed legislation that made Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a national holiday, millions of Americans and most businesses still refuse to celebrate the day. A survey by BNA Inc., a Washington based business news publisher, last year, revealed that less than one-quarter of businesses give their workers a day off with pay. Worse, the number of firms that gave their employees a paid holiday plunged from the year before. The number of companies that acknowledge King's birthday pales even in comparison to the next least celebrated holiday, Presidents Day. Fifty percent of companies give their workers that day off. The deep shame is that while most businesses refuse to commemorate the King holiday by closing, sponsoring events, or simply acknowledging the day to its employees, they benefited as much if not more than any segment of American society from the 1960's civil rights battles. That struggle made diversity a watchword for business, expanded the purchasing power of blacks, minorities, and women, and made it easier for major firms to advertise and promote their products and services in minority communities.

But businesses and millions of Americans don't ignore the King holiday solely out of greed, ignorance, or racism. They ignore it because they've swallowed the terrible myth that King was solely a black leader, that the civil rights movement was a movement by and for blacks, and that his holiday should be celebrated exclusively by blacks. When King formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957, he staked out the moral high ground for the modern day civil rights movement. This made it possible, even obligatory, for most white Americans to condemn racial segregation as immoral and indefensible. Their moral outrage didn't stop with segregation. Vietnam war protesters publicly acknowledged King's brave and outspoken opposition to the war and militarism. They credited him with giving a huge boost to the anti-war movement.

The leaders of the gay, and women's rights movements were inspired by King's actions and borrowed heavily from the tactics of the civil rights movement. Caesar Chavez, a leader much deserving of praise and gratitude for his selfless contributions to peace and social justice, and who now has his own California holiday, March 31, repeatedly praised King and other civil rights leaders for encouraging and providing aid to the farm worker and labor organizing battles.

The civil rights movement also had a major impact on other world struggles. It spurred students and workers in Asia, Africa, and Latin America to oppose the military strongmen, dictators and demagogues in their countries. It inspired liberation priests in Latin America, student demonstrators in Europe, and anti-apartheid activists in South Africa to struggle against injustice.

During the contentious battles over affirmative action in

California and in other states, many conservatives, some of whom still busily try to dig up dirt on King to discredit the holiday, twisted the few stray remarks he uttered on affirmative action to claim that he supported their views. In an even more perverse political irony, during the 1960's ultra-conservatives stoked the white backlash that King and the civil rights movement triggered, revived the moribund Republican Party in the South, and transformed them selves into a dominant force in national politics. George W. Bush benefited mightily from this conservative resurgence. He bagged the electoral votes of all 11 states of the Old Confederacy. Without them Gore would have easily won the White House. Even Bush's attorney general pick, John Ashcroft, currently under intense fire from civil rights groups for his stone-age stance on civil rights, claims that King is on his most admired list. But King's moral vision and reach extended far beyond the questions of war, peace and racial injustice. He also saw that true democracy could never be realized without economic justice for the poor. He pounded away on the need to end class oppression and poverty. His Poor Peoples March in 1968 was a flawed, but sincere effort to bring the poor of all races together in that common fight for economic justice.

The civil rights movement, increased civil liberties protections, expanded universal voting rights, and produced a vast array of legal, social and educational programs that permanently transformed American society and enriched the lives of millions of Americans of all races and income groups. This social and political remake of America was the direct by-product of the King-led civil rights movement.

Millions of Americans and most businesses will again ignore King's holiday this year. But what can't and mustn't be ignored is that the civil rights movement made America a stronger and more democratic society, not just for African Americans, but for all Americans. King will forever remain the eternal symbol of that change.



Earl Ofari Hutchinson is the President of the National Alliance for Positive Action

Answering history's call as a Newark parish youth in 1968

In March of 1968 a small group of young people, The Young Christian Movement, assembled in the Rectory of Queen of Angels Church, to discuss for the visit of Dr. King. Dr. King had requested a church in Newark to serve as an organizing headquarters for the planned "Poor People's March" which was scheduled for the summer of 1968. Queen of Angels had always been in the forefront for human and civil rights. The then pastor, Msgr. Tom Carey gave permission to use the facilities.

It was felt by many, that Dr King's coming to Newark just after the riots had occurred would be inflammatory. There were others who felt it was best to leave things alone, and not stir up trouble. Fortunately for us our parish had never stepped away from the call of service. Dr. King's organization found a home at Queen of Angels because of Msgr. Carey's courage and commitment.

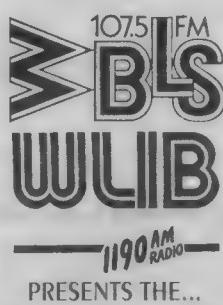
Two young organizers from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, came to Newark, to assist with the preparations for this historical visit. Support groups were formed for the providing of meals, getting blankets and sleeping bags.

Two members of the Young Christian Movement Organization where chosen to assist with the itinerary for that day: Dora Barnes, and I. Our task included accompanying the delegation to each stop, providing advance notice to each stop on the itinerary of departure from one place to another, and assisting with maintaining a tight schedule.

"I will always be indebted to my parish community at Queen of Angels for preparing and nurturing so many young people to be ready for history's call. Little did any of us know at the time that we were making history.



Dr. King en route to one of the many stops he made while in Newark on March 27, 1968 flanked by reporters and photographers.



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Dr. King's Message Still Makes 'Impact' on Black College Students

African American Christian Leaders on Campus Plan M.L.K. Weekend "Getaway" to Tackle Challenges

ORLANDO, FL -- More than 30 years after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., African American Christian college students still wrestle with how to best carry on his legacy. Born after the era of civil rights, they are the grandchildren of integration and far removed from the America that Dr. King knew. Can his message be applied to the new challenges they face? Apparently, many black student leaders on campus think so, and are signing up in droves to participate in M.L.K. holiday weekend "Impact" conferences that are designed to equip them with ways to confront today's challenges.

One of the major challenges facing these leaders: How can they best take Dr. King's message of faith to a new generation of black Americans raised on the often nihilistic influences in popular African American music, movies, television and magazines? Intertwined in this tug-of-war for black souls is a growing class struggle:

There is an ever widening divide between the black middle class growing in number and fortune and the much larger black lower class that is becoming increasingly marginalized from mainstream society.

Historically, the African American church has been the backbone of, and a spiritually transforming influence in, the black community. Yet many black leaders bemoan the church's current struggle to effectively engage the younger generation. Their hope: young black Christian leaders who can be found today on campuses across the United States.

Charles Gilmer, a University of Pennsylvania graduate who has served with Campus Crusade for Christ for 20 years, is national director of Ethnic Student Ministries. Scheduled as a keynote speaker at the M.L.K. weekend conference, Gilmer says the mission is clear to this generation.

"There is a grass-roots groundswell of African American students and recent graduates who want to embrace their heritage and utilize the blessings they have received to bless others. First, in the black community in this country, to break the cycles of poverty and hopelessness that ensnare so many. And then, for people of African descent around the world."

The "Impact" conferences will be held simultaneously in three cities Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and Chicago. The organizers anticipate that nearly 1,000 students will participate in the three conferences combined. "Impact" is a movement of evangelism and discipleship among African Americans on college campuses that seeks to raise up African American Christian leaders to transform their campus, communities and the world. It is designed to equip and train African Americans to fulfill the Great Commission (see editor's note). The four components of Impact: College, Youth, Career and International. The Impact Movement is part of Ethnic Student Ministries of Campus Crusade for Christ.

Organizers will challenge participants to go to Operation Sunrise Africa, a wide-ranging Summer 2002 outreach to take the gospel to 50 million Africans. Featured speakers include: Bryan Loritts, keynote Bible teacher and Young Adult Pastor at Calvary Church in Charlotte, NC; James White, director of church resources and development for the Impact Movement; Charles Gilmer, national director of Ethnic Student Ministries and the Impact Movement; Naton Kamanga, Campus Crusade national campus director of South Africa and musical guest BlackSoil Project

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Editor's Note: The Great Commission is taken from the account of Christ's instructions to the disciples after his resurrection in the Gospel According to Mark, Chapter 16, verse 15:

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation."

Founder of La Casa de Don Pedro to be Featured in TV Spots Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

NEWARK — Alfonso Roman one of the founders of La Casa de Don Pedro, Inc., will be featured as one of ten community honorees, entitled 'Fulfilling the Dream', in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in a series of public service announcements to air on WCBS-TV, beginning January 15 through February 28.

Roman, who has a 35-year record of commitment to social and economic justice, came to Newark in the early 1970's as part of his ministry work. Highly regarded as one of New Jersey's Puerto Rican activists, he helped many Latino baby boomers open doors for others by engaging and mentoring them to become civic minded and committed to social change.

According to Ray Ocasio, Executive Director of La Casa, Alfonso was among the pioneers in community development who believed that community residents coming together could make a difference.

That gave rise to La Casa today that represents a service delivery system of \$8 million and millions of additional dollars in development activities. Today La Casa provides a wide range of community services, job training, family services childcare, housing and economic development. The organization has impacted more than 50,000 families in its thirty year history.

Despite the tremendous growth, Roman consistently stressed La Casa's commitment to self-sufficiency and self-determination. Because of this La Casa created and bestowed the position of "President Emeritus", to honor Roman's "wisdom and commitment," Ocasio said.

Roman remains affiliated to La Casa. He was the past president of La Casa from 1995 through 2000, and was named President Emeritus last year.

Bradley and City Council sponsor annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King

Newark City Council President Donald Bradley, Mayor Sharpe James and the Newark Municipal Council will sponsor the 5th Annual Keeping the Dream Alive Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The celebration in honor of the acclaimed civil rights leader will be held January 21 at the George Washington Carver Elementary School; 333 Clinton Place from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

The day's special guest is nationally acclaimed, Jeff R. Jamison, the creator of the Martin Luther King flag. "We expect more people of this caliber to agree to perform or participate," said Bradley. Each year this program has been met with great attendance and success. Over one thousand people are expected to attend the annual celebration. Last year more than 1200 people attended. "It was so good people were lining the walls in hallways just so that they could hear the performances," Bradley said.

The program, which is co sponsored by the South Ward Unity Committee, Inc. is free to all who wish to attend and will feature nationally renowned performing artists including Grammy Award Singer and Newark's own, Rev. Milton Biggman. Also featured are the New Uplifters Gospel Singers, the ASP Liturgical Praise Dancers, the Weequahic High School Marching Band, Jerold Banks and the Peshtine Avenue University Prep Rights of Passage Martial Arts Group.

South Ward residents will be recognized with the "Kente Cloth" plaque for their contribution to the community. Attendees will also receive souvenir hand-outs of some of Dr. King's more memorable speeches and other information related to Dr. King.

"This year will no different than in years past. As always, our program promises to be a spiritually filled day of song and praise in honor of one of America's great heroes," said Councilman Bradley. The councilman said that the event is geared toward helping to insure that the memory of Dr. King is vivid forever in the minds of young people and old alike. "We must never lose sight of the great works done by this man," said Bradley. "America was enlightened and changed forever by his life's works," Bradley said.

Denny's campaign promotes human and civil rights

Denny's To Raise \$1 Million in 2002 to Benefit the National Civil Rights Museum

SPARTANBURG, S.C. Denny's, Fortune magazine's "Best Company in America for Minorities" for two consecutive years, is launching a national multiyear fundraising initiative dedicated to promoting human and civil rights.

"Denny's support of human rights is a natural extension for our organization," said Ray Hood Phillips, chief diversity officer for Denny's. "Denny's has been committed to diversity for years. As a leader in cultural diversity and inclusion, we are delighted to become involved with the National Civil Rights Museum in a significant way to further our shared vision of equality and freedom for all people."

Each year for the next three years, Denny's will support a cause that is committed to furthering human and civil rights. In 2002, Denny's goal is to raise at least \$1 million to benefit the National Civil Rights Museum located in Memphis, Tenn. The museum is housed at the site of the Lorraine Motel, the location where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968.

"The National Civil Rights Museum is dedicated to keeping Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream alive by offering the public information on the Civil Rights Movement and its strong impact and influence on human rights movements worldwide," said Beverly Robertson,

executive director of the National Civil Rights Museum. "We approached Denny's to assist us in our \$10 million expansion program and were overwhelmed by their initiative to help us deliver our strong, credible message and reach millions of people that might not otherwise be aware of the Museum's mission."

Racial and ethnic tension in this country and worldwide exists, and the quest for civil and human rights continues. Dr. King envisioned a world in which all people regardless of their race, color or creed deserve to be treated with respect and honor. Well before our nation's future was dramatically and painfully changed, we were convinced of the need to 'reignite' Dr. King's values among the American people. Our nation's new course will be better served with Dr. King's words and vision as one of its guiding principles," said Hood Phillips.

Denny's is asking Americans across the country to join in reigniting the dream. Beginning this month and continuing through 2002, participating Denny's will donate \$.20 cents from the sale of each All-American Slam® entree to the National Civil Rights Museum. Additionally, individuals who want to support this effort can make a donation by calling 1 866 4 ADREAM.



Ray Hood Phillips



The Civil Rights Museum entrance



Likeness of Rosa Parks sitting on the actual bus from which she was removed.



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Langston Hughes

A tribute to Hughes' legacy via a journey throughout today's Harlem

HARLEM-Langston Hughes, one of the most influential and eminent African American poets during the Harlem Renaissance era will be the subject of the documentary "Hughes' Dream Harlem" which will air nationally in February 2002 on Encore Black Starz cable network as well as in libraries, museums and institutions of higher learning.

In celebration of Hughes' centennial birthday February 2002, Hughes' Dream Harlem will take the audience on a day journey throughout today's Harlem showcasing the influence and impact of Langston Hughes on the capital of Black America. The film starts at the Langston Hughes House with a breakfast round table writers' discussion about activism and the explosion of the spoken word. The doyenne of African American poets, Sonia Sanchez, will be the moderator for the discussion, which will include New York poet Kevin Powell, Random House editor Willie Perdomo, activist and writer, Amiri Baraka, his son poet/activist, Ras Baraka, and Apollo Theatre legend, writer, and poet Jessica Care Moore.

The film continues with an afternoon

'dream' returns to Harlem USA

walk through the historical sites of Harlem's famous Sugarhill section led by political rapper Mos Def, as well as student poets from New York's Impact! Repertory Theatre, and Rawkus Records rapper, Talib Kweli.

Hughes' Dream Harlem concludes with a night tour of Harlem's jazz and poetry spots. Virgin Record artist and Harlem native, Kelis, guides the audience as she drives past Harlem's famous nightspots such as the Lenox Lounge, Jimmy's Bar, and the Apollo Theatre. The night ends in the Sugar Shack listening to young hip slam poets and New York Kiss-FM radio DJ as well as Harlem native, Red Alert, as he spins his magic on the turntables.

Hughes' Dream Harlem is directed by Jamal Joseph, an ex Black Panther who runs Harlem's New Heritage Repertory Theatre (Harlem's oldest black non-profit theatre group) as well as Impact!

Repertory Theatre, a youth performing arts group.

Executive Producer, Darralynn Hutson, is an entertainment journalist whose work has appeared in various publications such as The Source Magazine, Honey and Savoy Magazine, DGA (Director's Guild of America) magazine, Upscale Magazine, and BVQ (Black Voice Quarterly).

Co-Producer Voza Rivers, is a Harlem native who's been nominated for several Grammy's because of his work in producing theatre and music productions such as "Sarafina", Harlem Jazz and Music Festival, and Tupac's spoken word album "The Rose That Grew From Concrete".

The film will have national and international premieres as well as pre screenings in major cities such as New York, Detroit, Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Memphis, Tacoma, Washington, and London, England. In addition to the screening of the film, a photography and poetry exhibit will be on display during Black History Month. Information on national screenings and exhibit dates can be found on the website host BET.com. Interested parties can register at www.dreamharlem2002@aol.com for VIP invitations to national pre-screenings.

TimeOut

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The Johnson and Johnson galleries will host "The Fabric of Jazz: A Tribute to the Genius of American Music," from now through April 20. The jazz inspired abstract work by fiber artist Laura Camp includes quilt tributes to Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Benny Goodman and others. The gallery is located in the J & J Education and Conference Center, 410 George St., New Brunswick.



This c.1925 photograph shows Cape May's own Black baseball team, the Cape May Giants, which played at a ball field on the corner of Columbia and Madison Avenues. The bat boy in front is James Washington, Senior, who is still living in West Cape May. (photo courtesy of James Washington, Senior). The Center for Community Arts and The Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts present a special exhibit "Somebody to Cheer for: Black Professional Baseball & African American Community Life in New Jersey, 1860-1950" in the Carriage House Gallery at the Emlen Physick Estate January 19 to May 27, 2002.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Elizabeth — More than 30 cultures will be represented in at the United Youth Council's tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Elizabeth High Jefferson House Auditorium, 27 Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza, 4:30 PM. A prayer in memory of the WTC tragedy will be held. Call (908) 355-5646.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Elizabeth — Mayor Bollwage will present a proclamation in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at 9:30 AM, Second Presbyterian Center, East Jersey St.

Newark — Make It A Day On, Not A Day Off!! at the N.J.I.T.'s Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The community is invited to join in service projects benefiting children in local shelters.

Hoboken — The Hoboken branch of the NAACP will celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 721 Washington St. beginning at 11:00 AM. Minister Shirley Cummins of Hoboken will speak.

Newark — The Clinton Hill/Southward Improvement Association's 21st Annual Awards Breakfast in honor of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. at the Robert Treat Hotel. Ron Daniels, Director, Center for Constitutional Rights is the guest speaker. Call 973 424-0783.

Newark — The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King,

Jr. Celebration and Observance, sponsored by the Newark-North Jersey Committee of Black Clergy, begins at 10:30 A.M., St. Luke A.M.E. Church, 146 Clinton Ave. The Rev. Dr. William D. Watley, of St. James A.M.E. Church, Newark will preach. Dr. Watley is an authority on the life of Dr. King.

Brooklyn — Gospel singer Donnie McClurkin and Russell Simmons headline the Brooklyn Academy of Music and Medgar Evers College of CUNY's 16th Annual Brooklyn Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which begins at 10:30 AM in the BAM Howard Gilman Opera House, 30 Lafayette Ave.

Newark — A Martin Luther King, Jr. Demonstration and March for Peace and Justice, begins at noon, in Washington Park (Broad Street side). Sponsors are the People's Organization for Progress, Black Telephone Workers for Justice, Blacks for Social Justice, Newark Coalition for Neighborhoods and Enough is Enough Coalition. Call (973) 801-0001, (973) 923-2268, ((73) 643-7711, or (201) 435-3362 for more information.

Morristown — Celebrate Peace During Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the Morris Museum's family workshop from noon to 3:00 PM, 6 Normandy Heights Rd. Call (973) 971-3714.

Newark — Celebrate the life and gifts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Newark

Museum, 49 Washington St. Family activities will be offered. Call (973) 596-6550.

Newark — Newark City officials will sponsor the 5th Annual Keeping the Dream Alive Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the George Washington Carver Elementary School, 333 Clinton Place, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Newark — The Bethany Gospel Choir Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Day, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Newark Museum, 49 Washington St. Dr. M. William Howard Jr., the pastor will speak on "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the First Days of the New Millennium" Call (973) 596-6550.

Newark — Boys to Men? The second documentary by Frederick Marx on urban teenage boys will begin with a reception at 5:30 PM. The event will be held in the Billy Johnson Auditorium, Newark Museum, 49 Washington St. Call (973) 596-6550.

Newark — New York Comptroller H. Carl McCall will be the keynote speaker at Bethany Baptist Church's celebration of Martin Luther King Day, at 7:30 PM. The Cecily Tyson School jazz band will render music.

Princeton — The Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will be held at Richardson Auditorium, Princeton

University. There is no charge.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

Elizabeth — AmeriCorps members of Union County College's Career Institute Digital Divide Program will honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the cafeteria. Members will accept donations for the Salvation Army. Call (908) 659-5166.

Newark — The Africana Institute and Office of Student Life and Activities at Essex County College will celebrate Dr. King in Burch Auditorium, 303 University Ave, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Jersey City — The Rev. Dr. Calvin Butts, of Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem is the guest speaker at New Jersey City University's 13th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship Luncheon, hosted by the Lee Hagan Africana Studies Center, from noon to 2:00 PM. Call (201) 200-3524.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Newark — The City of Newark's 14th Annual 'Sing in Praise of Martin Luther King' Tribute will be held at the New Hope Baptist Church, 10 Sussex Avenue. There is no charge.

New Jersey Energy Choice promotes energy assistance

TRENTON, NJ With the cold of winter quickly approaching, it is important for households with limited financial means to take advantage of payment assistance programs designed to help people pay their energy bills.

New Jersey Energy Choice is the statewide consumer education campaign that was established to prepare New Jersey energy consumers for the competitive marketplace for electricity and natural gas. As part of its consumer outreach efforts, New Jersey Energy Choice is promoting New Jersey's energy assistance programs.

New Jersey Energy Choice recently mailed brochures providing information on the assistance programs to approximately 400,000 homes that have senior, disabled and/or low-income household members. Last November it commenced an advertising campaign encouraging people to look into assistance programs if they believe they may be eligible. The campaign also includes community outreach activities to spread the word about these vital programs.

"If you're in the midst of personal financial difficulties, you should look into these programs to find out if you may be eligible for assistance," said Fred Abbate, chairman of the Utility Education Committee (UEC), which was charged with conducting the New Jersey Energy Choice campaign. "Both the State and utilities have put in place programs to act as a safety net so your flow of energy is not interrupted," Abbate said. He added, "If you know of a family that is in need of such assistance, please inform them that help is available."

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| September 23rd | September 30th |
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NOTICE OF WORK SESSION MEETINGS AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 231 OF THE P.L. OF 1975, THIS WILL SERVE AS NOTICE OF THE WORK SESSION MEETINGS AND THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO BE HELD AT THE OFFICES OF THE AUTHORITY, 57 SUSSEX AVENUE, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

THE WORK SESSION MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2002 WILL BE HELD AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING DATES.

JANUARY 17
 FEBRUARY 21
 MARCH 21
 APRIL 18
 MAY 16
 JUNE 20
 JULY 18
 AUGUST 15
 SEPTEMBER 9
 OCTOBER 17
 NOVEMBER 14
 DECEMBER 12

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2002 WILL BE HELD AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

JANUARY 24
 FEBRUARY 28
 MARCH 28
 APRIL 25
 MAY 23
 JUNE 27
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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC.

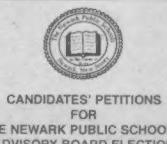
| DATE | TIME | PLACE |
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| Wed., Jan. 16, 2002 | 7:00 P.M. | 45 Aspen Place Recreational Room |
| Wed., Feb. 20, 2002 | 7:00 P.M. | 330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers |
| Wed., Mar. 20, 2002 | 7:00 P.M. | 330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers |
| Wed., Apr. 17, 2002 | 7:00 P.M. | 234 Chestnut Street |
| Wed., May 15, 2002 | 7:00 P.M. | 330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers |
| Wed., June 19, 2002 | 7:00 P.M. | 220-222 Sixth Street |
| Wed., July 17, 2002 | 7:00 P.M. | 330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers |
| Wed., Sep. 18, 2002 | 7:00 P.M. | 14-34 East Monroe Street |
| Wed., Oct. 16, 2002 | 7:00 P.M. | 330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers |
| Wed., Nov. 20, 2002 | 7:00 P.M. | 239 Gregory Avenue |
| Wed., Dec. 18, 2002 | 7:00 P.M. | 330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers |

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

ERIC KOLBE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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CANDIDATES' PETITIONS FOR THE NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION

Petitions are now available for individuals who wish to run in the April 16, 2002 Newark Public Schools' Advisory Board Election.

Petitions are available at the:

Newark Public Schools' Central Office
 2 Cedar Street
 Newark, New Jersey 07102

Candidates must submit their petitions by Monday, February 25, 2002, no later than 4:00 p.m. to:

Dr. Raymond Lindgren
Board Secretary/Chief of Staff
The Newark Public Schools
 2 Cedar Street
 Newark, New Jersey 07102

Legal Requirements:

Candidates for the Advisory Board Election must be able to read and write, must have citizenship and one year's residency in the school district, have no interest in any contract with, or claim against the Newark Public School district, must not hold office as mayor or member of the municipal governing body, must be registered to vote in the district and cannot be disqualified as a voter under N.J.S.A. 19:4-1.

Petitions must contain at least 10 signatures of qualified voters living within the district, one of which may be the candidate's, and must be filed at least 50 days prior to the election in your district.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUNSHINE LAW REGARDING PUBLIC NOTIFICATION, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON WILL HOLD IT'S REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 5:00 PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT 624 NYE AVENUE, IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2002.

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| January 9, 2002 |
| February 13, 2002 |
| March 13, 2002 |
| April 10, 2002 |
| May 8, 2002 |
| June 12, 2002 |
| July 10, 2002 (No Meeting-Summer Vacation) |
| August 14, 2002 (No Meeting-Summer Vacation) |
| September 11, 2002 |
| October 9, 2002 |
| November 13, 2002 |
| December 11, 2002 |

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL HAVE WORK SESSIONS AT 4:00 PM PRIOR TO THE REGULAR MEETINGS. ANY SPECIAL MEETINGS OR CHANGES TO SCHEDULE WILL BE PUBLICIZED.

By: David A. Brown
Executive Director

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN COUNTY OF SOMERSET

ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin ("FHA") is seeking proposals from qualified Architectural/Engineering firms, licensed in the state of New Jersey, for design and construction management services at #1 Parkside Street, Somerset, NJ, 08873, for:

- 1) Handicapped-Accessible Addition to Administration Building
- 2) Replacement of Exterior Stair/Porches
- 3) Installation of Outside Railings/Installation of Exterior Stairs/Porches

Information packages will be available and can be picked up by all interested parties at the Housing Authority Office, #1 Parkside Street, Somerset, New Jersey. Proposals must be submitted in triplicate and must be received no later than Wednesday, February 6, 2002, 1:00 p.m., prevailing time. The Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any information in any proposal, and to reject any and all proposals, and to accept such proposals and make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority.

DeWayne K. Cruse, Executive Director

Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin, Somerset, New Jersey

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Some positions require candidates to be bilingual in Spanish/English or Korean/English. Applications are available at most Police Departments, Libraries, NJ Employment Services Offices, County & Municipal Offices and at www.state.nj.us/personnel.

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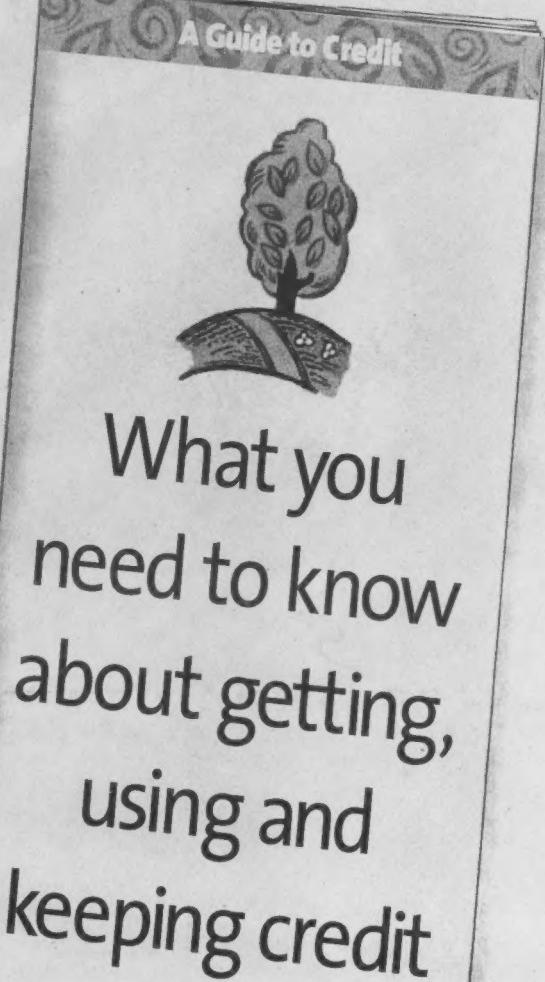
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